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Examiner: Rost, Andrew J.

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS P.O. BOX 1450 ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450 Dear Sir:

If any charges or fees must be paid in connection with the following communication, they may be paid out of our Deposit Account No. 502428.

This is in response to the final Office Action, mailed June 9, 2006, in the above-identified patent application. Please amend the application as indicated, and consider the following Remarks, toward reconsideration and allowance of the application.

Amendments to the Claims being on page 2 herein.

Remarks begin on page 11.

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